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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Before proceeding to examine the above-referenced application on the merits, please amend the claims as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please CANCEL claims 1-56, WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

Please ADD new claims 57-83 as follows:

--57. A method for directing the biosynthesis of specific macrolide polyketide analogs by genetic manipulation of a polyketide-producing microorganism, said method comprising the steps of:

(1) isolating a macrolide polyketide biosynthetic gene-containing DNA sequence;

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